GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3206
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COAL IN EXCESS OF PERMISSIBLE QUANTITY
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints about the private buyers who allegedly get coal in excess of the permissible quantity against the drafts deposited Voy them in advance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time taken by coal companies to issue bills of actual quantity of coal released and refunded the excess amount;

(d) whether complaints regarding alleged delay in the release of coal have also been received;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken to reduce deilay in release of coal and refund of due amount?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise in view of reply given at part (a).

(c): As per practice, bills are raised at the time of delivery of coal or consolidated bill are raised either during the month of delivery or at the end of the subsequent month. The time period for refund of excess amount, if any, ranges from two weeks to three months depending on receipt of applicatiow for refund from the consumers after expiry of the validity period of co`al delivery.

(d) to (f): Yes, Sir. However, such complaints .are very few and arise many a time due to circumstances beyond the control of coal companies. Coal India Limited has directed its subsidiaries to deliver coal in time and to adopt a metr.odology under which such refund could be made within a fortnight of the expiry of the validity order without seeking an application for refund from the consumers.